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SUBJECT: MONROVIA: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE TO AFRICAN STATES  
ON VIKTOR BOUT

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11. (SBU) Charge raised Ref A demarche points with Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador William Bull in an August 27 meeting. Bull told Charge that he will discuss the Viktor Bout situation with relevant Liberian authorities. He noted the GOL's neutral position regarding the prosecution of former President Charles Taylor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague, but confirmed that the GOL understands the significance of bringing Bout to justice.

12. (SBU) Charge stressed the importance of GOL weigh-in with the Royal Thai Government on the harm that Bout did in Africa. Bull assured Charge that the GOL will respond to the fullest extent possible. He also asked Charge if it would be possible for the USG to share any information on specific Bout activities concerning Liberia. Bull also noted that the GOL has no embassy in Thailand and any message will likely be passed via the Thai Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

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